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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated October 23, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Kindly delete the paragraph "This application claims priority from the co-pending U.S. Appl. No. 09/048,841, entitled "Apparatus and Method for Grouping and Prioritizing Voice Messages For Convenient Playback," filed on May 27, 1998, which was issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,335,962 B1 on January 1, 2002."